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BREAKING NEWS
ANTI-AMERICOPS PROVACATEUR RAGE ARRESTED FOR BREAKING INTO PAWN SHOP
Americops continues...OTHER NEWS: New Falcon rescues anti-immigrant speaker from violent protesters at
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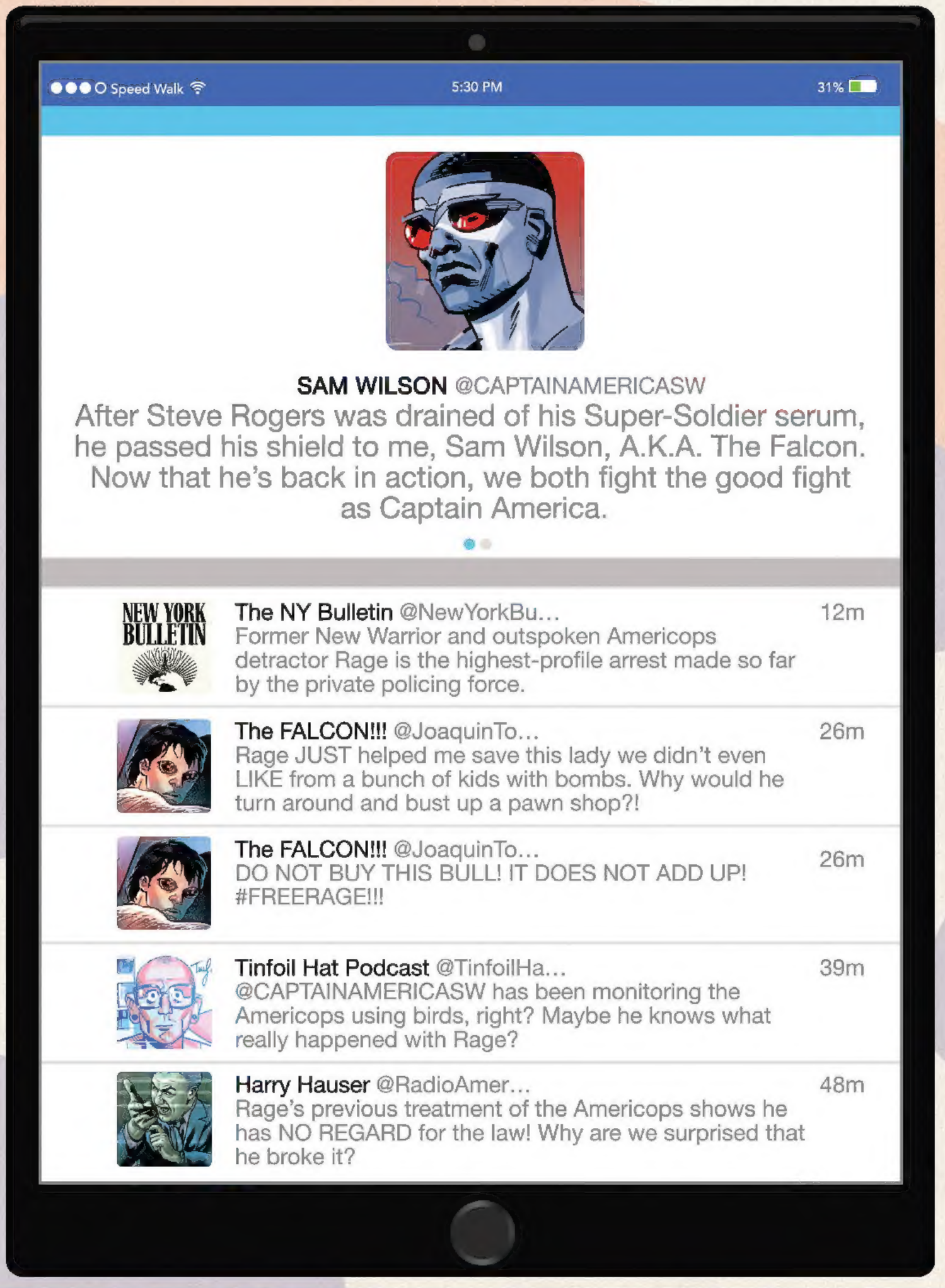
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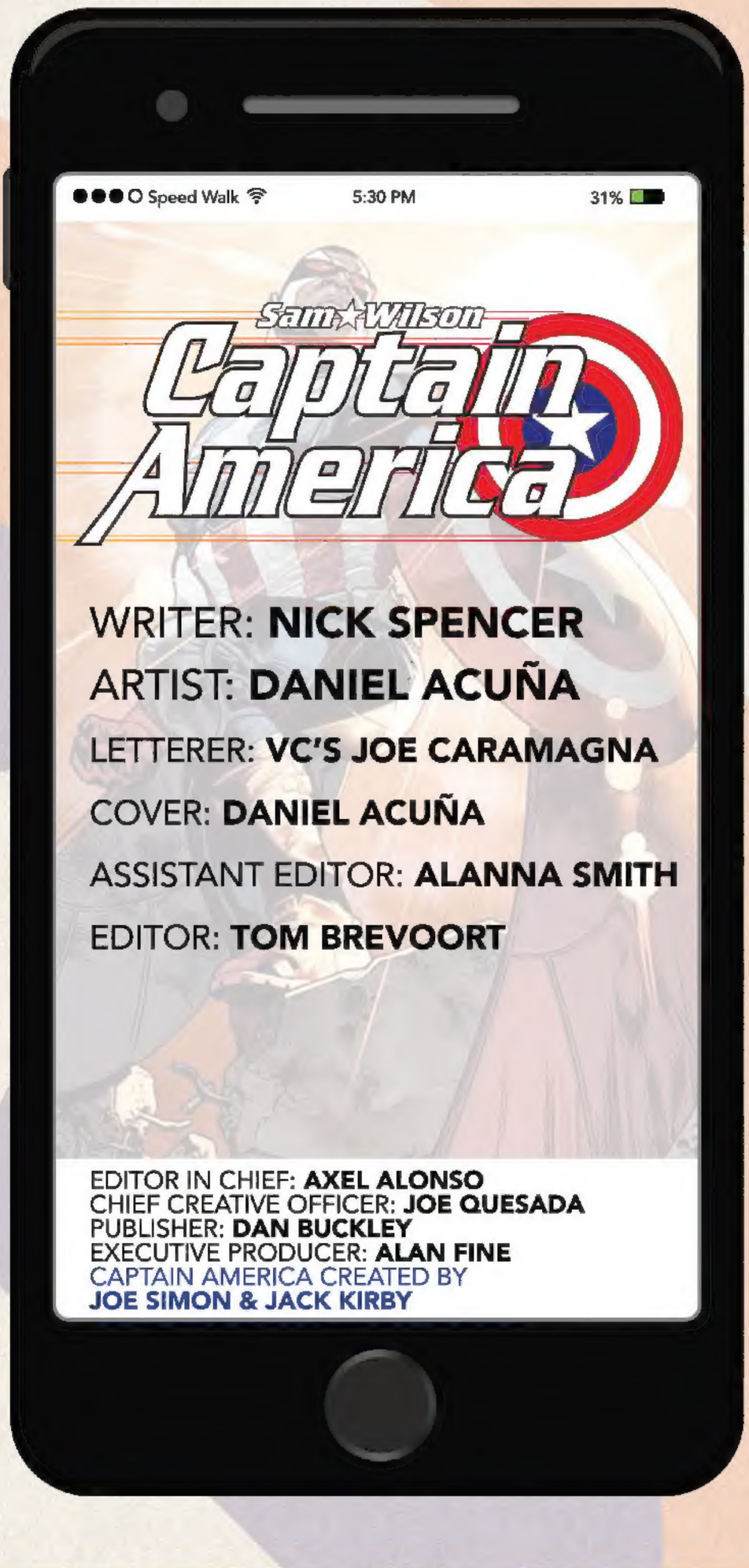
SAM WILSON @CAPTAINAMERICASW
After Steve Rogers was drained of his Super-Soldier serum, he passed his shield to me, Sam Wilson, A.K.A. The Falcon. Now that he's back in action, we both fight the good fight as Captain America.
NEW YORK BULLETIN
The NY Bulletin @NewYorkBu... 12m
Former New Warrior and outspoken Americops detractor Rage is the highest-profile arrest made so far by the private policing force.
The FALCON!!! @JoaquinTo... 26m
Rage JUST helped me save this lady we didn't even LIKE from a bunch of kids with bombs. Why would he turn around and bust up a pawn shop?!
The FALCON!!! @JoaquinTo... 26m
DO NOT BUY THIS BULL! IT DOES NOT ADD UP! #FREERAGE!!!
Tinfoil Hat Podcast @TinfoilHa... 39m
@CAPTAINAMERICASW has been monitoring the Americops using birds, right? Maybe he knows what really happened with Rage?
Harry Hauser @RadioAmer... 48m
Rage's previous treatment of the Americops shows he has NO REGARD for the law! Why are we surprised that he broke it?



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IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS.

EXIT

FROM THE BEGINNING, I THOUGHT WE WERE HEADED SOMEPLACE--

--SOMEWHERE BETTER.

BUT WE DON'T ALWAYS GET WHAT WE WANT.

WE USUALLY GET WHAT WE DESERVE, THOUGH.

EXIT

ALL MY LIFE I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BE A HERO. TRYING TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT.

THAT MEANT STANDING UP TO EVIL--

--AND WORKING WITH OTHERS TO GET THINGS DONE.

BUT I ALWAYS THOUGHT BEING A HERO ALSO MEANT STANDING UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN--

--EVEN AFTER I LEARNED THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD PREFER I DIDN'T.

THAT MOVE COST ME SOME FRIENDS FOR A WHILE--

--AND SURELY MADE ME SOME NEW ENEMIES.

BUT THROUGH EVERYTHING, I NEVER GAVE UP HOPE THAT THINGS COULD GET BETTER.

IF NOT FOR ME--

--THEN AT LEAST FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOWED.

THAT WAS THE DREAM...

BUT THEN, I DON'T GET MUCH CHANCE TO *DREAM* THESE DAYS.

TIME TO *WAKE UP*, SAM--

--YOU NEED TO *SEE* THIS.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM *NOW?*

THE COSTUMED VIGILANTE KNOWN AS **RAGE** IS IN POLICE CUSTODY THIS MORNING, ACCUSED OF ROBBING A PAWN SHOP IN BROOKLYN.

RAGE ACCUSED OF ROBBING A PAWN SHOP

RAGE RECENTLY MADE HEADLINES FOR A VIOLENT ATTACK ON THE **AMERICOPS,** AN ATTACK WHERE HE WAS JOINED BY **SAM WILSON--**

--THE REPLACEMENT **CAPTAIN AMERICA** WHO REFUSES TO GIVE BACK THE SHIELD, EVEN AS STEVE ROGERS HAS RETURNED TO THE FIELD--

RAGE ACCUSED OF ROBBING A PAWN SHOP

THIS RIGHT HERE IS THE NIGHTMARE.

POLICE STATION

EXACTLY THE KIND OF SITUATION THAT I WAS TRYING TO AVOID IN MY LAST SHOWDOWN WITH THE AMERICOPS.

THE KIND OF THING THAT TEARS COMMUNITIES APART.

FREE RAGE

AMERICOPS CRIMIN

RAGE NOW FREE

PLEASE, CAP--GET THAT BOY OUT OF THERE!

RAGE IS A ***HERO***--HE DON'T DESERVE THIS! HE DIDN'T DO WHAT THEY ***SAY*** HE DID!

I--

--I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.

THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MY MIND IS THOSE TIMES STEVE HAD TO COME BAIL ME OUT FOR WRONGFUL ARRESTS. HAPPENED MORE OFTEN THAN I'D CARE TO ADMIT.

FEELS LIKE A ***LIFETIME*** AGO--

--BUT NOT AS MUCH HAS CHANGED AS I'D HOPED.

EXCUSE ME--

--I'M HERE TO SEE ELVIN HALIDAY.

WHO?

RAGE.

RIGHT... YOU HIS LAWYER?

I'M CAPTAIN AMERICA.

NOT MY--

WHAT'D YOU SAY?

NOTHING. BUT LOOK, UNLESS YOU'RE A LAWYER OR FAMILY--

CAP!

HE'S, UH--HE'S DOWN HERE, SIR. I CAN TAKE YOU TO HIM.

THANK YOU.

WE HAD TO PUT HIM IN HIS OWN CELL--HE WAS IN GENERAL HOLDING FOR A FEW HOURS--

--THAT DIDN'T GO SO GREAT.

HEY, SAM...

...SORRY ABOUT THE MESS.

ELVIN--WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT? I WAS MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS.

YEAH... GONNA NEED A LITTLE MORE THAN THAT.

FINE--I WAS COMING HOME FROM EMPIRE STATE, GOT OFF THE SUBWAY, SAW ERNIE'S WINDOW WAS BUSTED.

ERNIE?

GUY WHO OWNS THE SHOP. SO I WENT TO TAKE A LOOK.

RAGE

AND?

COUPLE'A CROOKS IN COSTUMES ROBBING THE PLACE. ONE HAD ***SUPER-SPEED,*** THE OTHER WAS JUST BIG AND TOUGH AND ***DUMB.***

I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING ON THE NEWS ABOUT ANY SUPER VILLAINS--

THAT'S BECAUSE THE BIG ONE GOT THE ***DROP*** ON ME, AND THEY GOT AWAY. BUT BEFORE I EVEN DUSTED MYSELF OFF--

--THEY SHOWED UP.

THE ***AMERICOPS.***

STARTED HITTING ME BEFORE I COULD SAY A DAMN THING--AND DIDN'T LET UP.

YOU ***BELIEVE*** ME, CAP?

YEAH, ELVIN-- I BELIEVE YOU.

QUESTION IS WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.

I CAN TALK TO ***PETER PARKER***-- HE'S GOT ***MONEY*** THESE DAYS, FOOTING THE BILL FOR THE AVENGERS-- AND SEE ABOUT GETTING YOUR BAIL POSTED.

THEN, WE GET YOU A ***LAWYER***. I KNOW SOME ***GOOD*** ONES--***MATT MURDOCK, JENNIFER WALTERS***-- THEY'LL SHUT THIS CASE DOWN IN A SECOND--

NO.

SORRY?

I SAID ***NO***, SAM. NO AVENGERS BAILING, NO FANCY SUPER HERO LAWYERS COMING IN AND SAVING MY ASS.

YOU KNOW THE STATISTICS AS WELL AS ***I*** DO-- ONE IN THREE AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES ARE GONNA SEE THE INSIDE OF A CELL.

WE GET ***ARRESTED*** MORE, WE GET ***CONVICTED*** MORE, WE SERVE ***LONGER SENTENCES***-- HELL, THERE'S A WHOLE INDUSTRY SET UP AROUND KEEPING US IN PRISON. MAKES A NICE PROFIT.

I GO AROUND SAYING I'M FIGHTING FOR MY PEOPLE--FIGHTING FOR THE ONES WHO GET HARASSED AND BEATEN--

--WHAT KIND OF A ***HERO*** WOULD I BE IF-- WHEN IT HAPPENED TO ME--I JUST CALLED UP MY SUPER-BUDDIES AND GOT MYSELF OUT OF IT?

SO, YEAH-- ***NO***.

SO-- WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

HELL IF I KNOW. I IMAGINE A PUBLIC DEFENDER WILL COME BY AT SOME POINT, CORRAL ME A LITTLE DEEPER INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, TELL ME WHICH **PLEA** TO TAKE.

RAGE

BUT ELVIN-- YOU'RE **NOT GUILTY**--

HAHA, YEAH, I'LL BE THE FIRST BLACK MAN TO EVER GET PUT AWAY FOR SOMETHING HE DIDN'T DO, SAM. YOU BEEN HANGING OUT WITH SPACE ALIENS AND DUDES FROM THE FUTURE TOO MUCH.

YOU CAN'T **DO** THIS-- I CAN'T **LET** YOU DO THIS--

YEAH, YOU CAN. LOOK--WHEN THE AMERICOPS SHOWED UP IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, I TOOK THE FIGHT RIGHT TO 'EM. MEET FISTS WITH FISTS, I FIGURED.

YOU DIDN'T LIKE THAT MUCH. YOU TOLD ME THERE WERE **BETTER** WAYS TO GET MY POINT ACROSS.

I IMAGINE MY GETTING ARRESTED IS **BIG NEWS** OUT THERE. LOTTA PEOPLE GONNA WATCH THIS TRIAL. SO I'M GOING TO SHOW THEM WHAT IT'S **REALLY** LIKE, WHEN IT'S NOT O.J. AND THE BEST LAWYERS MONEY CAN BUY.

I'M GONNA SHOW THEM HOW THIS SYSTEM **REALLY** WORKS. LET THEM SEE HOW IT TRAPS US AND RAILROADS US AND RUINS US.

THIS IS IT, CAP--

--THIS IS **MY** BETTER WAY.

I CAN'T LET THE KID DO THIS--

--NOT WHEN I HAVE MY **OWN** WAY.

AFTER THE LAST DISPUTE WITH THE AMERICOPS WAS OVER, I RESOLVED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.

SO I UNDERWENT AN EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY TO LINK UP MY PSYCHIC CONNECTION TO BIRDS WITH A DATA STORAGE FACILITY.

-MEANING I COULD PUT THE AMERICOPS ON 24/7 SURVEILLANCE

IF THE BIRDS SAW IT, I HAVE A RECORD OF ALL THIS SOMEWHERE

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PULL UP THE FOOTAGE FROM THAT STREET LAST NIGHT.

-AND SEE WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

SURE ENOUGH--RAGE'S STORY CHECKS OUT.

THERE'S A BLUR--
GUESSING THAT'S OUR SUPER-VILLAIN SPEEDSTER--

THEN HERE COMES ELVIN--

--GOING IN JUST LIKE HE SAID.

UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T HAVE AN ANGLE ON THE INSIDE, WHICH I COULD REALLY USE--

--BUT THERE'S PLENTY FROM THE SIDEWALK. THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS--

--BUT HERE COMES THE BAD.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS SOMETHING WE ALL KNOW HAPPENS EVERY DAMN DAY--

--BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE WATCHING IT ANY EASIER.

QUESTION IS, WHAT DO I DO NOW?

WE HAVE A *DECISION* TO MAKE.

DO WE?

YEAH, I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE WHOLE POINT OF YOUR BIRD-N.S.A. THING-- TO CATCH THESE GUYS DOING THIS EXACT @#$!

IT WAS-- IT *IS*. SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

WE PUT THIS OUT! ***EVERYWHERE!*** LET EVERYBODY SEE WHAT THESE @#$% DO WHEN THEY THINK NO ONE IS LOOKING!

JOAQUIN'S ***RIGHT,*** SAM. PEOPLE ***NEED*** TO SEE THIS.

YOU ***GOTTA,*** SAM.

OKAY. I NEED SOME TIME TO THINK.

THINK ABOUT ***WHAT?!*** DUDE, ARE YOU SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING ***HOLDING BACK*** ON THIS?!

JOAQUIN--

NO! I'M SO ***SICK*** OF THIS! EVERY TIME I THINK YOU'RE FINALLY GONNA TAKE A STAND--EVERY TIME YOU GET A ***CHANCE*** TO, MAN--YOU ***BACK DOWN!***

WATCH IT, KID--

WHY DO YOU KEEP ***DOING*** THIS?! SO THAT THEY STOP COMING AFTER YOU? THEY'RE ***NEVER*** GONNA LIKE YOU, DUDE--THEY'RE NEVER GONNA ***ACCEPT*** YOU--AND WE ***BOTH*** KNOW WHY!

YOU KNOW WHAT? EVERYTHING RAGE SAID ABOUT YOU WAS ***TRUE***. AND THIS IS ***MY*** FAULT FOR GETTING HIM TO ***LISTEN*** TO YOU. SCREW THIS.

JOAQUIN!

PAINS ME TO ADMIT IT, BUT THE KID MAY BE RIGHT.

HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH AN OPINION, THOUGH.

THERE HE IS--

--SAM WILSON, CAPTAIN AMERICA-- IT IS AN *HONOR.*

TOMMY DULANE, WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

THE MAYOR'S SORRY HE COULDN'T BE HERE, HE'S ON A TRADE DELEGATION THING TO SINGAPORE--

IT'S FINE, I JUST--I DIDN'T WANT TO CATCH HIM *OFF-GUARD.* IF HE WANTS TO FLY BACK, PREPARE A STATEMENT FOR IF I RELEASE THIS FOOTAGE--

RIGHT-- ABOUT THAT--

IT'S THE MAYOR'S FEELING THAT--WELL, LOOK--OUR HANDS ARE SOMEWHAT *TIED* ON THIS AMERICOPS THING. THEY'RE A *PRIVATE ORGANIZATION,* REMEMBER.

ONE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH.

OKAY, SURE. AND MAYBE THAT WAS A *MISTAKE.* BUT, CAP-- EVERYONE HERE, INCLUDING OUR POLICE CHIEF AND OUR PUBLIC SAFETY EXPERTS, ARE SAYING THE SAME THING--

--THIS FOOTAGE COULD TEAR THE ENTIRE CITY-- HELL, THE ENTIRE *COUNTRY--* APART.

DO YOU REALLY WANNA *DO* THAT?

GUESS THAT'S THE WORLD THESE DAYS.

EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO SAY...

IF THE RUMORS ABOUT THIS TAPE ARE TRUE, IF SAM WILSON WANTS TO PUT HIMSELF ABOVE THE LAW, ABOVE DUE PROCESS, ABOVE THE CONSTITUTION, HE SHOULD ***ARREST*** HIMSELF!

YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT HE SHOULD RELEASE EVIDENCE, IF HE HAS IT! WE HAVE A RIGHT TO SEE IT!

WE'RE HAPPY TO MEET WITH MR. WILSON TO DISCUSS THIS, BUT THE AMERICOPS DO NOT RESPOND TO THREATS. AND WE HAVE FULL FAITH IN OUR OFFICERS.

WHEN YOUR BACK IS AGAINST THE WALL, YOU GO A FEW PLACES. YOU GO TO YOUR ***FAMILY...***

YOU'RE MY BROTHER, SAM. I GOT YOUR BACK NO MATTER WHAT YOU DECIDE TO DO--

--NOW LET'S ***PRAY.***

YOU GO TO ***GOD***

Knock Knock Knock

AND YOU GO TO THE PEOPLE YOU TRUST THE MOST.

SAM?

HEY, STEVE--

--I NEED YOUR ADVICE.

SO THAT'S IT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, STEVE.

YES, YOU DO. YOU JUST DON'T *LIKE* IT.

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO WALK THIS LINE FOR SO LONG, AND I JUST SEEM TO KEEP MAKING THINGS WORSE. MAYBE THE KID IS RIGHT, MAYBE I DON'T HAVE THE *SPINE* FOR THIS--

BULL. SAM, YOU AND I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS A LONG TIME NOW. THERE'S *NOBODY* I'D TRUST MORE TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN.

YOU WERE BRAVE ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING I WAS *NEVER* WILLING TO DO--TO LET CAPTAIN AMERICA BE *MORE* THAN JUST A SYMBOL. TO GET DOWN IN THE MUD, TRY TO MAKE REAL CHANGE.

YEAH, WELL, LOOK WHERE IT GOT ME.

LISTEN--NOT TOO LONG AGO, YOU AND I HAD A REAL FALLING-OUT--AND THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO SAY TO YOU EVER SINCE--

--YOU WERE *RIGHT*.

WHEN THE WHISPERER--RICK JONES--LEAKED ALL THOSE S.H.I.E.L.D. SECRETS--WHICH WE BOTH AGREED WAS A *NECESSARY ACTION*--I THOUGHT HE SHOULD STAND TRIAL. I CONFUSED THE LETTER OF THE LAW AND THE SPIRIT, AND FORGOT WHICH MATTERED MOST.

BUT YOU NEVER DID.

WHEN WE FIRST BECAME PARTNERS, TRUTH BE TOLD--YOU *WORRIED* ME A LITTLE. YOU HAD A LOT OF *PASSION*--

PUTTING IT MILDLY.

BUT I CAME TO SEE THAT YOU WEREN'T WRONG--YOU WERE JUST SOMEONE WHO KNEW THE *CAUSE* WAS ALWAYS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE *CONSEQUENCES*. AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE THE MAN WHO SHOULD CARRY THAT SHIELD.

SO, TELL ME, SAM--THOSE VALUES, THOSE PRINCIPLES THAT GOT YOU THIS FAR--

--WHAT ARE *THEY* TELLING YOU TO DO NOW?

STEVE'S ADVICE IS JUST WHAT I NEEDED. I KNOW WHAT HAS TO BE DONE HERE--

--I JUST HAD TO FIND THE STRENGTH TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

SEND!

OH MY GOD...

GET ME THE MAYOR. NOW--

LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY.

SUFFER WHATEVER CONSEQUENCES MAY COME.

PEOPLE NEED TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE.

THEY NEED TO SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO US.

RAGE

IT MAY HURT TO WATCH--

--IT MAY MAKE US ANGRY...

...BUT LET THE WORLD SEE THE TRUTH.

TO BE CONTINUED!

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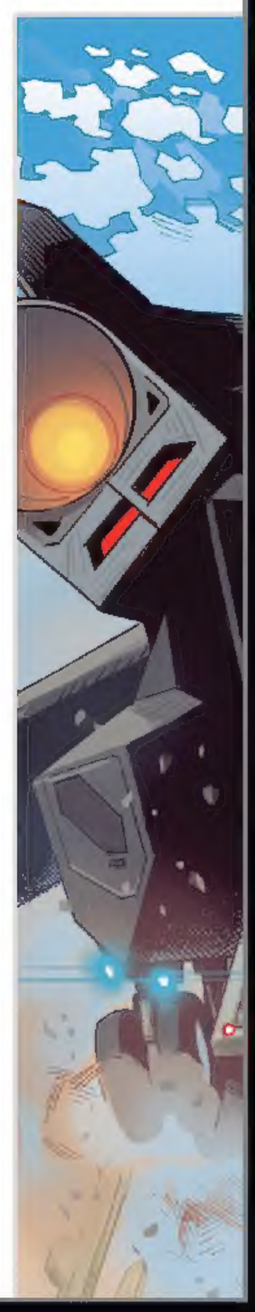

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